

CLAIMS

1. (amended) A medication administration method employing a medication reminder device comprising:

turning the medication reminder device on;

entering a code that provides access to a recording function;

recording an oral message in the medication reminder device that identifies a medication and the dosage to be taken;

entering a month, date and time of day schedule in the medication reminder device for taking a medication;

saving the oral message and the month, date and time of day schedule;

generating a signal to alert an individual that it is time to take a medication;

playing the recorded oral message upon activation of the medication reminder device by pressing a play button; and

recording a warning message instructing a person of the action to be taken when an identified medication is not taken within a predetermined time period following the month, date and time of day schedule for taking the identified medication;

pressing the play button and playing a warning message when the oral message relating to the identified medication is not played within the predetermined time period; and

turning off said signal to alert an individual in response to playing the oral message.

2. (previously presented) A medication administration method as set forth in claim 1 including: recording a second oral message in the medical reminder device that identifies a

second medication and the dosage to be taken; entering a second month, date and time of day schedule in the medication reminder device; saving the second oral message and the second month, date and time of day schedule; and playing the second recorded oral message upon activation of the medication reminder device by pressing the play button following the beginning of a month, date and time of day period for taking the second medication.

3. (cancel) A medication administration method as set forth in claim 1 including: recording a warning message instructing a person of the action to be taken when an identified medication is not taken within a predetermined time period following the month, date and time of day schedule or taking the identified medication; pressing the play button and playing a warning message when the oral message relating to the identified medication is not played within the predetermined time period.

4. (previously presented) A medication administration method as set forth in claim 1 including:

changing a current month, date and time display by the medication reminder device to a future period;

playing the messages recorded for the future period; and

changing the month, date and time to the current month, date and time.

5. (currently amended) A method of reminding a person of future actions to be taken employing a reminder device comprising:

turning the reminder device on;

entering a code that provides access to a recording function;

recording an oral reminder message in the reminder device for each medication to be taken;

entering a month, date and any selected time of day schedule in the reminder device for the times in which the person is to listen to the recorded message and take each dose of medication;

saving the oral reminder messages and the month, date and time of day schedule;

changing a current month, date and time of day displayed by the reminder device to a future period;

playing the oral reminder message in the reminder device that is to be played during the future period;

changing the future period to the current month, date and time of day;

generating a signal to alert the person that it is time to listen to the oral reminder message; and

playing the recorded oral message upon activation of the reminder device and turning off the signal to alert the person by pressing a play button.

6. (cancelled) A method of reminding a person of future actions to be taken employing a reminder device as set forth in claim 5 including:

changing a current month, date and time of day displayed by the reminder device to a future period;

playing the oral reminder message in the reminder device that is to be played during the future period; and

changing the future period to the current month, date and time of day.

7. (new) A medication administration method employing a medication reminder device comprising:

turning the medication reminder device on;

entering a code that provides access to a recording function;

recording an oral message in the medication reminder device that identifies a medication and the dosage of each medication to be taken;

entering a month, date and any selected time of day schedule in the medication reminder device for taking each medication dose;

saving the oral message and the month, date and time of day schedule;

generating a signal to alert an individual that it is time to take a medication;

playing the recorded oral message upon activation of the medication reminder device by pressing a play button; and

turning off said signal to alert an individual in response to playing the oral message.